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MIG REACTION TO U.S. DRONE AIRCRAFT
HAIPHONG AREA, NORTH VIETNAM

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS A NORTH VIETNAMESE FIGHTER REACTION AND THE ATTEMPTED SHOOT-DOWN OF A U.S. RECONNAISSANCE DRONE.

2. LOCATION:

APPROXIMATELY 13.0 NM SW OF HAIPHONG.

3. MISSION READOUT:

PHOTOGRAPHY OF BUMPY ACTION MISSION Q833, 4 FEBRUARY 1969, REVEALS AN ATTEMPT BY NORTH VIETNAMESE FIGHTERS TO SHOOT DOWN A U.S. RECONNAISSANCE DRONE PRIOR TO ITS LEAVING NORTH VIETNAMESE AIRSPACE. INITIAL REACTION WAS OBSERVED IN THE AREA OF UTM XH533879 AND CONSISTED OF POSSIBLE UNIDENTIFIED TRACERS (INSET 1) CROSSING BENEATH THE DRONE. TWO POSSIBLE FISHBED (INSET 2) ARE SIGHTED ON THE PORT SIDE OF THE DRONE.

THE SECOND REACTION WAS OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY 30 SECONDS LATER AT WHICH TIME AN ATOLL AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE (INSET 3) WAS OBSERVED PASSING BELOW THE DRONE. A SECOND ATOLL AAM (INSET 4) IS OBSERVED AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME THE FIRST MISSILE DETONATES. THE SECOND MISSILE THEN MALFUNCTIONS AND STARTS SPIRALING EARTHWARD, AT WHICH TIME A THIRD ATOLL AAM (INSETS 4&5) IS OBSERVED BENEATH THE DRONE. FOLLOWING A SHORT FLIGHT THE THIRD MISSILE DETONATES (INSET 6).

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SUBSEQUENT FRAMES REVEAL AN UNIDENTIFIED FIREBALL (INSET 7) CROSSING THE FLIGHT PATH OF THE DRONE. AT THIS TIME A FISHBED (INSET 8) IS OBSERVED CARRYING AN ATOLL AAM UNDER ITS STARBOARD WING AND MAKING A TURN IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION.

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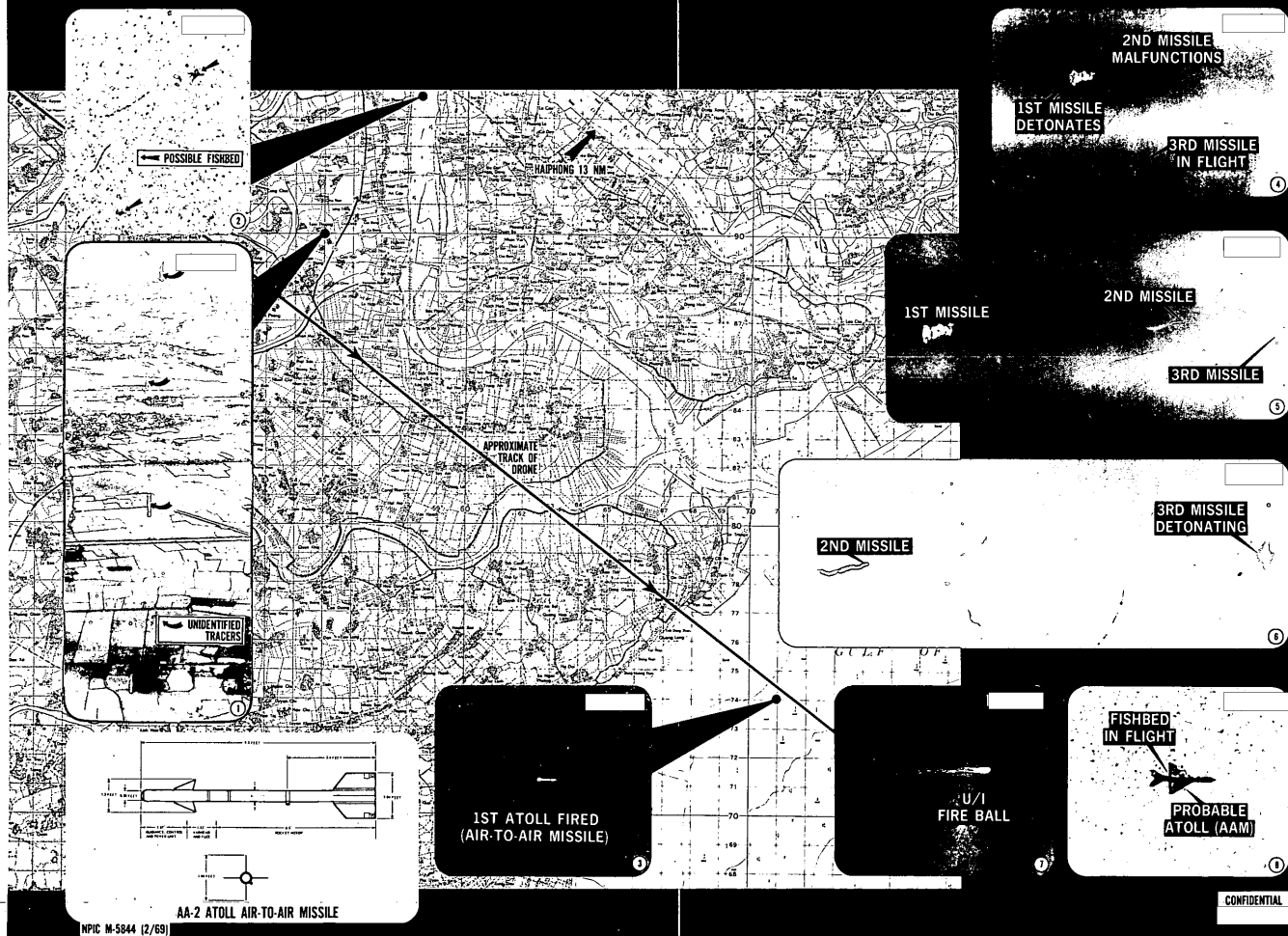
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